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October 21 2009 Meeting Minutes

Arlington Human Rights Commission Minutes – Final October 21, 2009

Present: Christine Carney, Vice Chair Vita Cohen, Stacy Davison, Chair Nick Minton, Nancy Rhoads, Marlene Schultz, Bill Shea, Nancy Sweeney

Absent: Sheri Baron, Marlissa Briggett, Jorge Loayza, Judson Pierce

Open Forum – No guests this evening

Review of September Minutes – Motion was made and approved to accept the September minutes as amended – with two abstentions.

Incidents and Complaints –

- 1450 Mass. Avenue – not within our jurisdiction
- b. Bike path graffiti – Vice Chair Cohen will write a letter listing incidents reported to the APD – letter would be sent to Rapid Response Network with an e-mail to follow.

Town Day review: Chair Minton expressed appreciation to all who worked the booth at Town Day. It was a beautiful day. There was a scramble to get things in order this year. Commissioner Rhoads moved that we allocate up to \$200 to replenish supplies for next year. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion.

Subcommittee Reports –

Dialogues

The September 17th *Marriage Equality Dialogue* received excellent reviews. The speaker was very dynamic and all were happy with the turnout.

The Miller Early Childhood Initiative program scheduled for November 12th will be at the Robbins Library Community Room. Commissioner Davison has created a flyer and handouts. She has advertised the program on many town and school websites and also arranged for the use of a DVD/video player for the program. Commissioners have volunteered to do refreshments.

The Separation of Church and State Dialogue is scheduled for Thursday, February 4th at Robbins Community Room. Commissioner Sweeney is working on this program.

Schools – Chair Minton is still waiting for a reply from the superintendent.

Policies and Procedures – a work in progress

Rapid Response/Publicity – The Commission needs to have a better relationship with the local cable stations and Arlington Advocate and also to assure that our logo is attached to all press releases.

Other Business –

- **Lawyer's Committee Letter** – tabled until further notice
- **Town Meeting Invocation Incident** – a dialogue is scheduled for February 4th on this subject
- **AHRC Vacancy** – still no word from Moderator Leone. Commissioner Sweeney will write a notice for the Advocate.
- **Commissioner Shea** will follow up on status of absent commissioner.
- Commissioners are requested to consider the **2010 Chair** for discussion at our next meeting on November 18th

Motion to adjourn was made and approved.

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